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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMOR

SUBJECT : Proposed Downgrading of Hainan Island Photography

PURPOSE: To make photography on Hainan Island available to a greater number of personnel who have a critical operational and tactical requirement therefor.

DISCUSSION:

1. Hainan Island has been covered on the following N. Vietnam missions:

<u>MISSION</u>	<u>CAMERA</u>	<u>FRAMES</u>	<u>DATE OF COV</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
G-3018			3 Jan 61	Far Oblique coverage of the Southern part of island. Scattered clouds.
G-3055			16 Aug 61	Western and southern coverage (oblique) to near center of island.
G-3066			21 Feb 62	West, south, and eastern oblique coverage to near center of island. Mostly scattered, some heavy clouds.
H-3076			7 Apr 62	Complete, overlapping coverage of island. Clear to heavy to scattered clouds.

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2. Since all N. Vietnam missions through Jan 1961 and all Communist China missions prior to December 1959 as well as the three Communist China missions in 1960 have been approved by USIB for downgrading, it would appear most logical to downgrade the foregoing frames of photography to SECRET

Moreover, Hainan Island is part of Communist China over which TACKLE missions are currently being flown.

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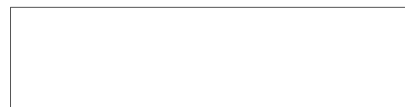
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3. Therefore, recommend that the COMOR downgrading procedures contained in COMOR D-15/2 be applied to the downgrading of the pertinent frames of those N. Vietnam missions referred to in paragraph 1 above.



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